

HOUSE BILL 222

By Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to driver licenses issued to noncitizens and persons without lawful permanent residence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-331, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) When the department of safety issues or renews a temporary driver license, permit, or identification to a person pursuant to subsection (g) the license, permit, or identification shall include the language "NON U.S. CITIZEN" or "ALIEN" or a symbol or other language designed by the department that indicates that the person is not a citizen of the United States and is not a lawful permanent resident of the United States. The language or symbol shall be prominently displayed on the license, permit, or identification.

(2) The person issued or for whom was renewed a license, permit, or identification pursuant to subdivision (j)(1) shall be entitled to the same driving privileges and, if applicable, shall be subject to the same restrictions authorized by the previously issued license, permit, or identification. The license, permit, or identification shall expire at such time that the person's work visa or other temporary authorization to stay in the United States expires.

(3) The department is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to effectuate this subsection (j) in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5. The department is also authorized

to utilize any process to comply with any rules and regulations, exemptions, and policies promulgated by the United States secretary of homeland security or other state or federal agency.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to the issuance or renewal of temporary licenses, permits, and identifications on or after July 1, 2017.